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In re the Application of: **Eiji KIKUCHI**

Group Art Unit: **2833**

Application Number: **10/776,258**

Examiner: **Gary F. Paumen**

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For: **PLUG FOR SPEAKER CABLES, AND SPEAKER TERMINAL AND
SPEAKER TERMINAL SYSTEM PROVIDED WITH THEM**

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, the response date of which having been extended a second month from August 4, 2005 to September 6, 2005 (September 4, 2005 being Sunday and Monday, September 5, 2005 being a National Holiday), Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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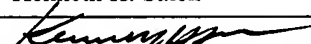
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